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(54) Title: DISEASE RESISTANT TRANSGENIC PLANTS

(57) Abstract

Transgenic plants transformed with a cucumovirus 2b gene or active fragment thereof, or an Avr gene having an inactive cell death domain exhibit resistance to diseases caused by infectious pathogens, such as viruses. Expression of the genes causes activation of hypersensitive response and expression of pathogenicity-related proteins in plants that are incapable of such a response to certain pathogens. Transformation of a wide variety of plants with expression vectors in which such a gene is operably linked to a plant-active promoter renders the plant resistant to pathogenic infection.